

currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

**Abstract:** This ICR addresses the two information collection requirements described in regulations pertaining to pesticidal substances that are produced by plants (plant-incorporated protectants) and which are codified in 40 CFR part 174. A plant-incorporated protectant is defined as "the pesticidal substance that is intended to be produced and used in a living plant and the genetic material necessary for the production of such a substance." Many, but not all, plant-incorporated protectants are exempt from registration requirements under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Registrants sometimes include in a submission to EPA for registration of a plant-incorporated protectant, information that they claim to be confidential business information (CBI). CBI is protected by FIFRA and generally cannot be released to the public. Under 40 CFR part 174, whenever a registrant claims that information submitted to EPA in support of a registration application for plant-incorporated protectants contains CBI, the registrant must substantiate such claims when they are made, rather than provide it later upon request by EPA. In addition, manufacturers of plant-incorporated protectants that are otherwise exempted from the requirements of registration must report adverse effects of the plant-incorporated protectant to the Agency. Such reporting will allow the Agency to determine whether further action is needed to prevent unreasonable adverse effects to the environment. Submission of this information is mandatory.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 hours for an adverse effects report and 21.5 hours for substantiation of a CBI claim, per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying

information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Producers and importers of plant-incorporated protectants.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 14.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 303.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$20,879, includes no annualized capital or O&M costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** There is no change in the number of hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens.

Dated: October 10, 2007.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0938; FRL-8149-2]

### Pesticides; Availability of Pesticide Registration Notice Announcing Formation of Agricultural Handlers Exposure Task Force

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency is announcing the availability of a Pesticide Registration Notice (PR Notice) regarding the formation of the Agricultural Handlers Exposure Task Force, L.L.C. This PR Notice was signed by the Agency on September 20, 2007 and is posted on the EPA website under PR Notice 2007-03. PR Notices are issued by the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to inform pesticide registrants and other interested persons about important policies, procedures, and registration related decisions, and serve to provide guidance to pesticide registrants and OPP personnel. This particular PR Notice provides information concerning the formation of an industry Task Force for the

development of data supporting pesticide registration, in which registrants may wish to participate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard P. Dumas, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-8015; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: [dumas.richard@epa.gov](mailto:dumas.richard@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

#### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this notice if you register agricultural pesticide products under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0938. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. **Electronic access.** You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

### II. Background

#### A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

The Agency is announcing the issuance of a Pesticide Registration Notice [PR-2007-xx] that announces the formation of the Agricultural Handlers Exposure Task Force (AHETF). When registering or periodically reviewing an existing registration, the Agency evaluates the potential risks to pesticide handlers; that is, individuals who mix, load, or apply pesticide products. In

evaluating handler risks, potential pesticide exposure is considered. The AHETF was formed to develop generic handler exposure data that can be used by EPA, and other regulatory agencies responsible for assuring the safety of pesticides. The purpose of the PR Notice is to describe what data the AHETF plans to generate, to describe how EPA expects to use the data, and to inform registrants of the opportunity to join AHETF.

### III. Do PR Notices Contain Binding Requirements?

The PR Notice discussed in this notice is intended to provide information to EPA personnel and decision makers and to pesticide registrants. While the requirements in the statutes and Agency regulations are binding on EPA and the applicants, this PR Notice is not binding on either EPA or pesticide registrants, and EPA may depart from the guidance where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. Likewise, pesticide registrants may assert that the guidance is not appropriate generally or not applicable to a specific pesticide or situation.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 20, 2007.

**Debra Edwards,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0941; FRL-8152-7]

### Carbaryl Reregistration Eligibility Decision

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for the pesticide carbaryl. The Agency's risk assessments and other related documents also are available in the carbaryl RED Docket. This RED completes the reregistration and tolerance reassessment process for carbaryl and amends an Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED), which was made available for public comment on October 22, 2004

(see docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2003-0376). Carbaryl is an N-methyl carbamate insecticide that is used on a variety of ornamental and agricultural crops and in residential settings, for lawns, gardens, and flea control. EPA has reviewed carbaryl through the public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration and tolerance reassessment decisions. Through these programs, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christina Scheltema, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-2201; fax number: (703) 308-8005; e-mail address: [scheltema.christina@epa.gov](mailto:scheltema.christina@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

##### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

##### B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0941. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

## II. Background

### A. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under section 4 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA is reevaluating existing pesticides to ensure that they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. EPA has completed a RED for the pesticide carbaryl under section 4(g)(2)(A) of FIFRA. Carbaryl is an N-methyl carbamate insecticide that is used on a variety of ornamental and agricultural crops and in residential settings, for lawns, gardens, and flea control. EPA has determined that the database to support reregistration is substantially complete and that products containing carbaryl are eligible for reregistration, depending on their specific uses, provided the risks are mitigated either in the manner described in the RED and IRED or by another means that achieves equivalent risk reduction. Upon submission of any required product specific data under section 4(g)(2)(B) of FIFRA and any necessary changes to the registration and labeling (either to address concerns identified in the RED or as a result of product specific data), EPA will make a final reregistration decision under section 4(g)(2)(C) of FIFRA for products containing carbaryl.

EPA is applying the principles of public participation to all pesticides undergoing reregistration and tolerance reassessment. The Agency's Pesticide Tolerance Reassessment and Reregistration; Public Participation Process, published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2004, (69 FR 26819) (FRL-7357-9) explains that in conducting these programs, EPA is tailoring its public participation process to be commensurate with the level of risk, extent of use, complexity of issues, and degree of public concern associated with each pesticide. EPA worked extensively with stakeholders and the public to reach the regulatory decisions for both the carbaryl IRED and RED. The carbaryl IRED was developed through the full 6 phase public participation process, and the carbaryl RED was developed through additional stakeholder collaboration.

The reregistration program is being conducted under congressionally mandated time frames, and EPA recognizes the need both to make timely decisions and to involve the public. Because all issues related to this pesticide were resolved through consultations with stakeholders, the